CLAIMS

1. A pneumatic tire comprising

a tread portion,

a pair of sidewall portions,

a pair of bead portions each with a bead core and a bead apex therein,

each said sidewall portion provided on the outer face with means of escaping air between the tire and a mold for vulcanizing the tire, said means comprising a circumferentially extending vent emboss line disposed adjacently to a radially outer end of the bead apex and a circumferentially extending vent groove adjoining the radially outside of the vent emboss line and having a depth of at least 0.15 mm.

2. The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein

the vent groove has a width of from 5 to 10 mm and a depth of from 0.2 to 0.5 mm.

3. The pneumatic tire according to claim 1 or 2, wherein

the vent emboss line and vent groove are disposed in a lower sidewall region extending radially inwardly from a position radially inside the maximum tire section width point towards the bead portion, the lower sidewall region having a substantially straight profile in a tire meridian section.

4. The pneumatic tire according to claim 3, wherein

the bottom of the vent groove is substantially parallel to the straight profile of the lower sidewall region and is provided with emboss marks.